

TILYON SAYS BOYTON SHALL DECIDE FATE OF STEEPLECHASE

Promoter of Huge Amusement Enterprises Discloses His Plans.

Local Resort Will be Closed Next Year, He Says, Unless Boyton Stays — Management Greatly Handicapped by Exclusive Privilege Contracts — In Event of Re-Opening of Island He Will Seek to Make it an Ideal Outing Place — Otherwise it Will be Real Estate Proposition Looking Towards Water Front Development.

George C. Tilyon, lessee of Steeplechase Island, while waiting for a train at the railroad station to-day, talked with characteristic frankness of the future of his amusement resort. He said many things of interest, one of which was that the moment his lease on the property expired, he would abandon the island as an amusement resort unless it is better supported in the future than it has been in the past.

"What are your plans for next year?" he was asked. "Everything depends upon my friend, Captain Paul Boyton," he replied. "Unless he can be prevailed upon to remain in charge of the island, I shall close it up as an amusement resort. I have come to look upon the island as a real estate proposition. It is daily increasing in value and if ever bulkheaded, the property for commercial purposes would be one of the most valuable in Bridgeport.

THERE WILL BE NO DEBATE ON CHURCH'S DUTY

Rev. Mr. Maurer Announces Result of Challenge of Rev. Mr. Richardson.

Rev. W. Irving Maurer uttered this morning what is perhaps the closing word of the discussion that grew out of the challenge to Rev. John Richardson to debate certain allegations the latter had made, restricting the duties of the church within very narrow limits.

"There will be no debate," said Mr. Maurer.

The challenge was issued in the form of an open letter, written by Rev. Mr. Maurer and Rev. Morgan Miller to Rev. Mr. Richardson.

The latter made a reply, writing a letter to his brethren, perhaps have made no statement whatever, except that he has been asked by a great many people what the status of the challenge is.

TO DASH FOR SOUTH POLE

(Special from United Press.)

London, Nov. 16.—Captain Robert F. Scott, the British naval officer who will command the British National expedition for the South Pole in August of next year, today outlined his plan for simultaneous American and British expeditions, starting at the same time and making a race of it.

Captain Scott hopes that Commander Robert E. Peary, despite his recent denial of the report that he will try for the South Pole, will take up the American end of the race.

"The American party," said Captain Scott today, "could make a start from Cape Horn on America's side of the world, and strike the Great Ice Barrier somewhere in Graham Land. We will reach the ice wall at McMurdo Sound and follow the route taken by Lieutenant Shackleton when he scored the 'farthest south'—11 miles from the Pole."

Among the American offers of assistance was one from Secretary Herbert L. Bridgeport of the Peary Arctic club, who proposed that the Scott party use the Peary ship "Thetis" for the Antarctic journey. This offer was declined, as negotiations were already under way for another ship.

American help in the form of the North Pole, Captain Scott said, "and of course we shall do our best to be the first at the other tip of the world."

Harry Thaw Testifies In Mother's Case

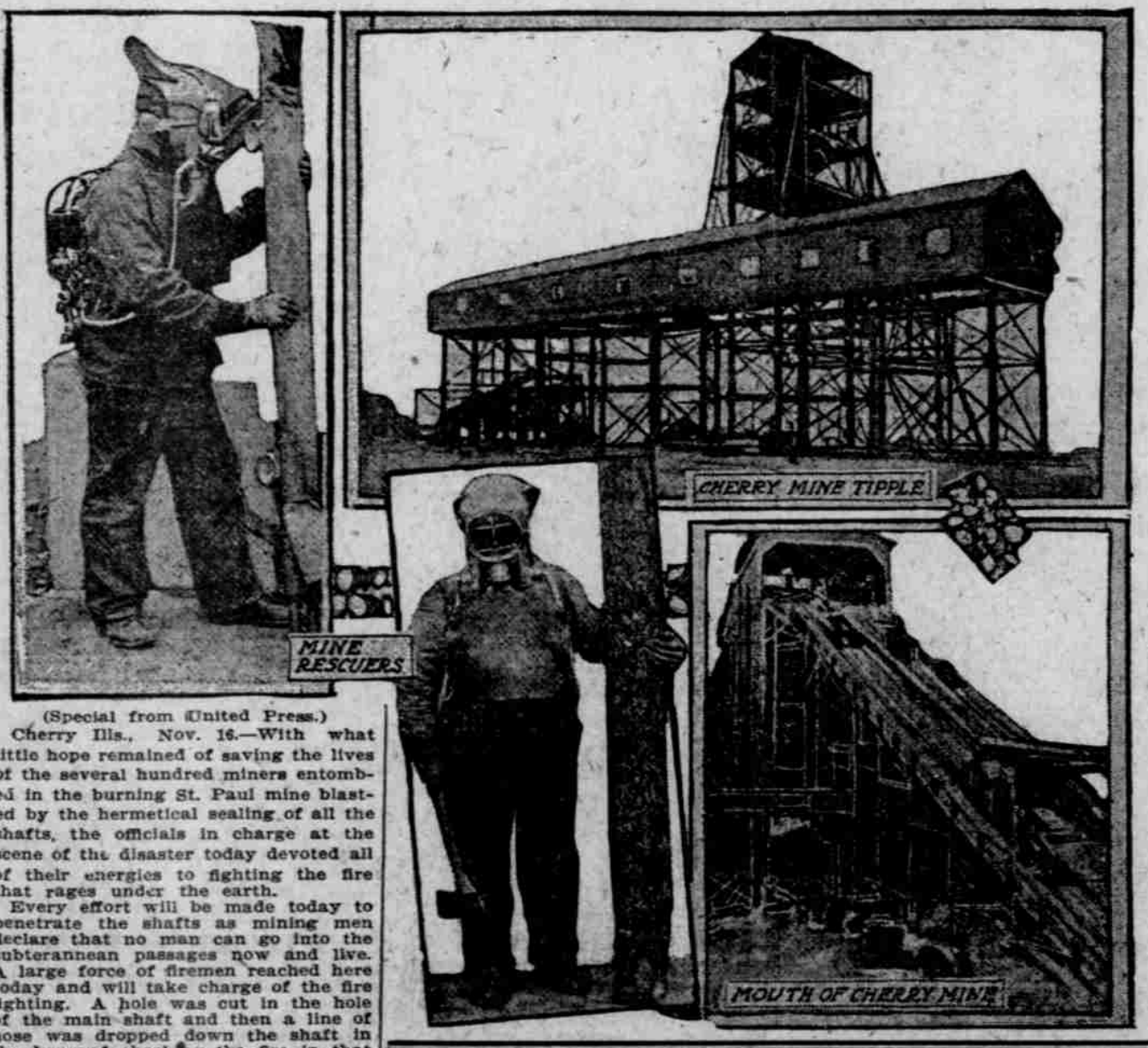
(Special from United Press.)

New York, Nov. 16.—Harry K. Thaw was among the visitors to New York to-day. His visit was very brief, however, as he was brought down on the alert of habeas corpus to testify in the suit of Allan McLane Hamilton, the alienist, against Mrs. Mary Copely Thaw for \$7,000 which he claims is due him for his work during the first trial of Thaw for the murder of Stanford White.

Mrs. Thaw claims that she settled the amount for \$100. By a singular coincidence the Hamilton suit is being tried before Justice Dowling, who committed Harry Thaw to Matteawan after his acquittal.

ILLINOIS MINE WHERE 384 MEN DIED; HOW GALLANT RESCUERS WERE EQUIPPED

All Efforts Now Center on the Extinguishing of Fierce Underground Fire—Hope Even to Recover Corpses is Now Abandoned—Seething Flames Rage In Sealed Caverns



(Special from United Press.)

Cherry Hill, Nov. 16.—With what little hope remained of saving the lives of the several hundred miners entombed in the burning St. Paul mine blasted by the hermetical sealing of all the shafts, the officials in charge at the scene of the disaster today devoted all of their energies to fighting the fire that rages under the earth.

Every effort will be made today to penetrate the shafts as mining men declare that no man can go into the subterranean passages now and live. A large force of firemen reached here today and will take charge of the fighting. A hole was cut in the hole of the main shaft and then a line of hose was dropped down the shaft in the hope of checking the fire in that way. It is also stated that the men in charge will force carbonic acid gas down into the depths of the mine. Experienced miners declare that if this is done it will extinguish the fire, but it will also extinguish within fifteen minutes the life of every man still living.

AGED WIDOW OF TEA KING GILMAN'S PARTNER LOSES HER HUMBLE LITTLE HOME

Sorry Plight of Woman Whose Husband Was Multi-Millionaire's Associate.

"By due process of law" Mrs. Ellen Davidson-MacDonald, a cousin of Sir Alexander MacDonald, premier of Canada, has been deprived of her home and six acres of land in Fairfield avenue near Ash Creek. For the want of someone to counsel her in business affairs this woman aged nearly 70 years whose first husband, Alexander Davidson was the business associate of the late George F. Gilman, the American "tea king millionaire" was served with a writ of foreclosure a few days ago which means that she is, practically, destitute.

The day before the foreclosure was brought in favor of the City Savings Bank and the property sold to H. M. Knapp of Burr & Knapp and a man named Sherman. Mrs. MacDonald was offered \$2,500 for her equity in the property by John L. Parsons. But the aged woman, who is eccentric in her old age, refused the money which would have kept her to the end of her days. She is thought to have had some belief that someone would come to her rescue and she was waiting for that.

When the late George F. Gilman lived he saw to it that the taxes and expenses of his home were paid every year. When he died in 1902 the place was absolutely clear. After that Mrs. MacDonald needed some advice and she went to a local lawyer.

Before she was through the lawyer who was an obscure member of the "fraternity" presented her with a bill for \$300 for services. Mrs. MacDonald disputed his right to charge so much but the lawyer went to the court and got a judgment against her for \$2,000. Since then the aged woman has been unable to pay any of the interest on the mortgage and she has offered her less than \$10,000 for the property.

In order to get a little income she moved into a couple of rooms on the second floor and rented the rest of the house. All the bric-a-brac and furniture which were her husband's were moved into the barn for she would not part with one of the treasures of her memory. A few months ago Mrs. MacDonald preferred to call it took fire and all of the heirlooms and remembrances of previous grandeur and prosperity were destroyed.

When the bank sold the property it was at a private sale and the amount that Mrs. Knapp and Sherman paid for the property is not known but it is understood that there will only be a few dollars after the debts, including an assessment of the construction of Fairfield avenue trunk sewer, are paid out of the money.

As the wife of Alexander Davidson who came to Bridgeport 30 years ago the aged owner of the foreclosed property rode behind her own pair with a liveried coachman and there were few women who possessed more style in dress than she. The fine old fashioned house which stood back from the road on the Boston road and which is now 3196 Fairfield avenue, was one of the most attractive on the street. The grounds were kept in the best of style. The Davidsons were great entertainers and among the guests at the home were many of the MacDonalds of Canada, including the premier.

Since the days of her poverty Mrs. MacDonald has always been noted for her charity. She gave and went with her husband to the poor and for food at her door who did not get it cheerfully.

Alexander Davidson died over a dozen years ago. Mrs. Davidson lived alone for a number of years and then about six years ago she married Augustus R. MacDonald, a distant relative, and he died about three years ago. Since that time Mrs. MacDonald has lived alone. A great deal of sympathy is felt for her by those who know her.

There is no doubt but that she would have a snug sum to tide her over her last days if it had been possible to call the heretofore of the probate court her case before the foreclosure was brought. There were numerous real estate men who would have given \$2,000 or \$4,000 for the equity in the six acres of fine residential property.

At the City National Bank it was stated today that the matter had not been cleared up enough to know how much Mrs. MacDonald would get.

ONLY ONE MAY BE ASSESSOR

Mayor Also Has But One Appointment to Board of Relief—Will Open G.A.R. Entertainment.

Among the many appointments that are awaiting the official action of Mayor Buckingham, those of the board of relief and the board of assessors appear to have been most misunderstood. Contrary to the general belief Mayor Buckingham has only one vacancy to fill in each of these boards, and in both cases the appointments are to be for four years and the incumbents shall be democrats.

This is the outcome of legislation enacted at the last session of the general assembly. The appointment in each case is to be made in July.

Mayor Buckingham has accepted the invitation of the Ladies of the G. A. R. to open their entertainment this evening.

At the meeting of the Automobile club, last evening, an interested auditor of the report of Delegate Henry to the National Good Roads convention was Mayor Buckingham. The new mayor has devoted much time and study to the good roads problem, and the talk of Mr. Henry, he said, proved valuable.

(Special from United Press.)

Pontiac, Mich., Nov. 16.—C. H. Nicholson of the Northern Navigation Company at Sarney, Mich., said today that the report of the sinking of their steamer *Jonah* in Lake Superior is false.

"Our advices this morning say the boat is alive at the Soo owing to the accident to the lock. It is probably some other steamer," he said.

SUGAR TRUST SCANDAL TO BE MEDIUM OF ATTACK ON THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Semi Official Announcement Made That Approaching Congressional Investigation Will Stain Administrations of Several Presidents.

Bryan and Parker in Turn Charged That Trust Was Heavy Contributor to Republican Campaign Funds—Statute of Limitations Protects Against Much Law Breaking.

(Special from United Press.)

New York, Nov. 16.—When President Taft and the cabinet in Washington took up for consideration the question of how to crush the Sugar Trust Attorney General Wickham presented a report compiled by Henry L. Stimson, special acting deputy attorney general, setting forth the crimes he expects to prove the combination guilty of. It is expected that the report declares that American Sugar Refining Company crushed its rivals by sheer weight of money; that it corrupted the government inspectors without limit; bribed leading employees of opposing companies to report the details of their employers' business so that the trust could underbid them and force them into bankruptcy; contributed to the campaign funds of all parties prior to the last Presidential campaign so that National chairman and committees were under obligations.

But—and here is the real reason why the cabinet discussed the matter—most of the alleged law breaking is covered by the statute of limitations. There are plenty of proofs of guilt up to the time that Henry O. Havermeier died.

In 1907, but since that time the proofs which would convict are scarce.

Business interests here are wondering what will result from the Congressional investigation which is believed inevitable and which will certainly trace the trail of the trust back to the day of the first American Sugar Refining Company's incorporation.

It is a certainty that both of the big political parties will be involved. The administrations of Grover Cleveland, Benjamin Harrison, Cleveland again, William McKinley and also of Theodore Roosevelt will be brought into the limelight. The Presidents themselves may not be smirched but members of their official families will be shown to have been familiar with the trust and will have much to explain.

Since 1904 the Sugar Trust has been many times under fire but has always managed to escape a large part of the threatened investigation. In 1904 Editha Edwards charged that the trust had secured favors of Congressional leaders. The President and others were prosecuted for contumacy. In 1906 Bryan charged that the trust was a heavy contributor to Republican campaign funds. In 1906 Alton B. Parker, candidate for President, made the same charge.

NEW BUILDING FOR MILLION DOLLAR BANK

First-Bridgeport National Will Return to Location Opposite Present Quarters.

It became known to-day that the Bridgeport National Bank, housed in the new bank building at the southeast corner of Main and Bank streets, had taken only temporary quarters, looking towards the erection of a fine banking and business block in its former home at the northeast corner of the same streets. While the plans have not been drawn up, it is learned that the building is likely to stand out prominently against Bridgeport's skyline, if the wishes of a number of the most interested people prevail.

For about a hundred years, the Bridgeport National Bank has had its headquarters at the northeast corner of Main and Bank streets, and that location had come to be regarded as the permanent home. Recently, when the new marble bank block was built on the opposite side of the street, the Bridgeport and First National Banks combined and formed a million dollar institution.

With the recent formation of the Commercial Trust Co. in Bridgeport, capitalists are said to be planning to interest themselves heavily, the story gained circulation that the Bridgeport National Bank would eventually return to its old site, and the fine new block would be taken over by the trust company.

F. N. Benham, cashier of the First-Bridgeport National Bank, was unable to give definite information as to the time of the construction of the new block for the reason, he said, that the project is as yet indefinite.

"There has been a sentiment," he said, "that the Bridgeport National Bank should be back in its old home across the street, where it has been for so many years. But we can't say just now when we will be there, although eventually we will return."

Sharing the block formerly occupied by the Bridgeport National Bank is the City Savings Bank. This is the city's largest property in Main street, at the foot of Elm street, and contemplates the building of a suitable home there soon.

Another combination of banking interests said to be well under way is that of the Connecticut National Bank and the City National Bank. This is designed to afford the local manufacturers another million dollar institution such as the First-Bridgeport combination effected.

HEEL CRUSHED IN ELEVATOR

Nagel Catsel, of Ridge avenue, employed at the factory of the Bridgeport Malleable Iron Co., caught his left heel in an elevator, this morning, and suffered a severe laceration. He was taken in the ambulance to the Galen, on Myrtle avenue.

WANTED—Young lady to help out Saturday afternoon and evening, as cashier and general office work. Address Box 956, Post Office. H 15 b *

FOR SALE—Male dog puppy, 12 weeks old. Inquire 1000 Fairfield Ave. Barn. H 16 a *

TO RENT—New house. All improvements. First and second floors. Cor. Kosuth and Putnam Sts. Inquire Mrs. Avery, c/o Maple and Beach Sts. H 16 s *

NO MATTER whether the sun smiles on us, or whether the elements frown on us, we have goods to suit all seasons, and when we boast of our treasures, our boots, we have very good reasons, at O'Neill's. H 16 r *

FOR SALE—One mahogany Pianola with bench and music \$100. Easy payments if desired. The M. Steiner & Sons Co., 915 Main street. H 16 r *

THIS WEEK'S BARGAINS at Steiner's. 26 slightly used upright pianos, a short time. Guaranteed as good as new \$125 and upward. Easy payments if desired. The M. Steiner & Sons Co., 915 Main street. H 16 r *

TO RENT—Desk room with roll top desk. 416 Warner Building. 1 2 r *

TICKLE THAT LAZY LIVER with Casca Laxine Tablets for constipation.

(UNCLASSIFIED.)

J. D. SHAW sells pipes that are real bargain at 25 cents each. 62 Jean St. H 16 b *

WANTED—Lady canvassers for a Boston magazine, good commissions. Address B. S. P. O. Box 623. H 16 b *

60 COURTLAND ST. to rent. Furnished rooms, steam heat, running water and gas in rooms. Phone 2712. H 16 b *

TO RENT—Furnished room, pleasant, heat and bath. Breakfast and supper if desired. 168 Deacon St. H 16 b *

WANTED TO LEASE—Farm of one to five acres, with privilege of buying. Terms reasonable. R. D. 16, Box 39, Newtown, Conn. H 16 b *

WANTED—Competent cook to assist in laundry. 1896 Boston Ave., corner of Mill Hill. H 16 s *

TO RENT—Four room, 76 Fulton St. H 16 s *

TO RENT—5 room flat all improvements. Fairfield avenue. L. S. Catlin & Co., 197 Wall st. H 15 s *

WANTED—Elderly woman to do light work. Good home to right person. C. A. T., care of Farmer. H 15 s *

OLD HOMESTEAD Cafe, hot and cold lunch all day. Lock in, corner E. Main and Walter Sts. O'Connor, Prop. A 15 t c 2

AUTO PAINTING—First class work, low price. Pratt, Stratford Ave., Stratford. H 9 d * 4 p o

BEAUTIFUL new upright piano \$150. Angelus cabinet and piano, almost new, \$175. Dial & Lee Music Co., 84 Cannon St. H 12 t c o

FOR SALE—An upright piano, good bargain; square piano \$15. 75 cents a week. Violin \$3 and \$5. 84 Noble Ave. H 12 u *

FOR SALE—8 room house, hot and cold water, double shades to windows, furnace heat and stove, all up to date. 135 Beach St. For particulars inquire at 126. H 12 t f q

ST. JOSEPH'S—Friday night, November 19th, will be Ladies' Night. All members are requested to invite their lady and gentlemen friends. H 15 b q

OFFICE ASSISTANT—Young woman with practical bookkeeping. Experience. Must live at home, and be able to furnish high grade references. Retail business, open Saturday evenings. W.T.G., this office. H 15 s *

WANTED—Assemblers and bench workers, also automatic machine screw operators. American Graphophone Co. Employment Office, Howard Ave. 9 a. m. or 2 p. m. H 15 b *

USE STERLING TOILET CREAM for chaps. Is not grossy. J. N. McNamara, East Main and Barnum Ave. H 11 t f o

HARMONY COUNCIL, JR. O. U. A. M. Harvest prize Pinocchio, Tuesday evening, Nov. 16, 1909. O. U. A. M. Hall, 181 State St. Tickets 25c. Door prize 1-4 ton of coal. H 13 s *

WANTED—Experienced sewing machine machinist. One who has experience in repairing machines is correct factory. Address, stating age and salary expected, P. O. Drawer 50, New Haven, Conn. H 13 s *

BARGAINS IN AUTO TIRES, new and second hand. H. Ford, 146 Fairfield Ave. H 10 t f o

BRIDGEPORT Housecleaning Bureau. Ashes, rubbish removed. 433 New field avenue. Telephone 1316-5. Ralph L. Miller, Prop. G 2 t f o

ELEGANT TOURING CAR to rent by the hour or day. H. Ford, 146 Fairfield Ave. G 2 t f o

TYPEWRITING — Mimeographing. Notary Public. Sears, 105 Meigs Bldg. P 17 t f o

TO RENT—Desk room with roll top desk. 416 Warner Building. 1 2 r *

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